



OPC BULLETIN

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NO LUNCHEON ON MARCH 19, 1947

THE OFFICE OF THE CLUB IS BEING MOVED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, TO THE TIMES BUILDING IN TIMES SQUARE, ON THE FOURTH FLOOR WHERE WE WILL HAVE TWO LARGE ROOMS, ONE OVERLOOKING TIMES SQUARE AND THE OTHER ON SEVENTH AVENUE SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE PENNSYLVANIA 6-6871.

The furniture and decorating will be done next week and the official club warming probably will take place on Friday, March 28th, but positive notice will be given next week in the Bulletin.

In case you did not know, the Board of Governors allocated one thousand dollars to the decoration of the new club and appointed Mrs. Betty Cooke to do the job.

Naturally, the club luncheons will continue and the exact location for the luncheons in the future given later. The Executive Committee has tried to find a place which is convenient, where members could be served quickly, where there is good food and where the price is not more than two dollars.

There will be a meeting of the Nominating Committee in the club rooms on Wednesday, March 19th at 5 P. M.

Almost twelve hundred members and guests attended the sixth annual Dinner of the Club held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday, March 4th. About one hundred and sixty members and sixty correspondents who received awards from the War Department attended with their guests. Most members had reserved full tables.

Every table downstairs was filled and all the boxes on the first tier, with some taken in the second tier. The Dinner was a real social success---with a great many people meeting for the first time since the war ended.

W. W. Chaplin, President, presided. After the reception for the authors of the book at 7:30 P. M., the Dinner started after eight. Miss Mona Paulee, attractive star of the Metropolitan, sang the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by her husband, Dean Holt. The Three Flames played during Dinner and Bill Reed is the one who contributed their fee.

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Authors who sat on the second dais were Stanley Ross, Gordon Waterfield, Richard Tregaskis, Al Newman, John A. Parris, Jr., Ruth Cowan, Thomas B. Morgan, Gretta Palmer, Bob Considine, Julian Bach, Jr., Temple Fielding and Pete Huss, with Bill Doerflinger and Nick Wreden of E. P. Dutton and Lewis Gannett, one of the editors of the book. Several days before the dinner, the authors came in and autographed copy after copy--- and thanks to Margot Barkham, they kept at it till all of the books had at least ten signatures.

IF YOU DID NOT GET TO THE DINNER AND WISH AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF "DEADLINE DELAYED", PLEASE SEND IN THE RESERVATION CARD OR WRITE OR CALL THE OFFICE.

On the first dais, were General Courtney H. Hodges and Lt. Col. John Crowley of the First Army, former Presidents of OPC Eugene Lyons and Lucian S. Kirtland; our speakers; Ralph Frantz, treasurer; Paul Harvey; Sonia Tomara, vice president; Mrs. Warren R. Austin and Mrs. Chan Gurney; members Herbert L. Matthews of the Times and Thomas Mitchell of RCA communications, A. Warren Norton of Press Wireless, and Admiral Thomas Kincaid.

Members organizing full tables include William P. Reed, Hal Lee, Ralph Major, Henry Gellerman, Eugene English, Amy Vanderbilt, John Daly, Adele Nathan, Leo Branham, Curt Heymann, Herbert Bayard Swope, W. Orton Tewson, David Resnick, Anne Marie Jungmann, John A. Parris, Jr., Dr. Cortez Enloe, Jr. William F. Brooks, Richard Chaplin, Ken Austin, George Kent, Bernard Estes, Lillian Genn, Sonia Tomara, Alice Hughes, Dick De Rochemont, Kathleen Cannell, W. Moscrip Miller, etc. but it would take twelve hundred names to give the whole list of distinguished guests from the networks, wire services, magazines and newspapers.

The drawing of Messrs. d'Erso and Kelein depicted a Russian sleigh bearing Marshall, Bevin and Bidault with Molotoff leading the horses, was much admired. "Although known to us from the days when some of us were stationed in Berlin and other capitals of the continent as the earliest challenger of Adolf Hitler - yet preferring to remain anonymous, we wish to thank this friend of the Club for his generosity in defraying the Club's Dinner Program printing expenses."

The food was probably the best the Waldorf has ever served at a sizeable Dinner and many members complimented Philippe who had taken a table for the affair.



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At 9:30 P. M. the American Broadcasting Company carried the speech of Senator Warren R. Austin, which was one of the most sincere of his career. He was followed by Robert R. Young--- the difference in the points of view of the two men had the audience on its toes (literally.)

Immediately following the ABC broadcast, General Hodges made a short speech and then presented sixty war correspondents with their Awards of Merit. Edward R. Murrow of CBS was asked to accept the awards on behalf of the correspondents, in the absence of Hal Boyle.

Hector McNeil went on the nationwide hookup of CBS at 10:30 P. M. and Senator Chan Gurney spoke at 10:45 over the same network. (As most of the speeches were reported in the press, their content and purport is herewith omitted.) Herbert L. Matthews fittingly concluded the program with a reporter's report.

Perhaps in the next issue there will be space to relate some of the amusing things which happened.

H. V. Kaltenborn has returned from his trip to the Caribbean.... Grace Davidson of the Boston Post has returned from the Mardi Gras in New Orleans where she did a series for her paper. She interviewed an interesting man there who is building 100,000 houses of a magic material. You just pour the stuff on some steel lathings and presto.....

Devere Allen in the Worldover Press reports that, according to recent decree in Bulgaria, students of that country will be able to study in the future in only two countries---Rumania and Switzerland.

Paul Manning will be married on Saturday, March 22nd, to Louise Margaret Windels.

Arthur Reef has reached Korea where he is setting up a public information program to bring about better understanding among Koreans and the world at large of the reasons for U.S. occupation of that country. Arthur and Betty Reef have picture features on Guatemala appearing in two magazines this month--- Glamour and Liberty. Stories cover that country's antique Indian civilization in terms of its chromatic, hand-woven textiles.

Dorothy Thompson and Edgar Ansel Mowrer spoke on the Town Hall of the Air program of March 6th on the subject "What Should be Our Program for Germany at the Moscow Conference?"

Wythe Williams, founder President of the Overseas Press Club, is working on a radio project in connection with the Jacksonville, Fla. Journal and sends greetings.



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Frederic Abbott, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the names of the following:
Active:-

Orville C. Anderson, Press Attachee of the U. S. Embassy in Rome, Italy, and Acting Director of U.S.I.S. in Italy. Oct.-Nov. 1943 North Africa with the United News; December 1943 to January 1945, News Chief, United Nations News, Italy.

Beach Conger, Resort and Travel Editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, in New York. Chicago Tribune, Berlin, 1933. N. Y. Herald Tribune correspondent in Berlin, Paris, Amsterdam, Budapest, Sept. 1939 to Oct. 1940 London and Paris from Sept. to Oct. 1946.

Andrew A. Freeman, New York Post. France, July to Sept. 1945; China Southeast Asia and India, Nov. 1945 to Jan. 1947.

Leo Lania, Roving correspondent, Editor for Eastern Europe, United Nations World. From 1923 to 1931 on Berlin staff of the Chicago Daily News; Nov. 1946 to Feb. 1947 Europe, for United Nations World.

Frederic Sonder, Jr., Roving Editor of the Reader's Digest. From 1932 to 1938, McClure Syndicate Central Europe; 1943-46, Roving assignment from the Reader's Digest in Middle East and ETO.

John Wilheim, Chicago Sun Foreign Service. England, Reuter's April 1944, Normandy Landing June 1944; Paris, Liberation and Germany for Chicago Sun till June 1945. London Aug. 1945 to January 1947.

Associate:-

Mrs. Victor Blakeslee, in Santa Monica, Calif. for the Bobbs Merrill Co. Served as war correspondent from June to December 1942 in Europe.

Mr. Farwell Perry, Assistant Secretary, Western Newspaper Union. Germany and France from February to June 1946 for thirteen weeklies and Jacksonville Journal, Panama City News Herald, etc.

Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, President, Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. England Associate Editor of Movietone News, February to May, 1944 and then Middle East, April 1945 to June 1945; March 1946 to April 1946 in England and France.

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Club members were deeply shocked on learning of the tragic death of member J. B. Powell, who dropped dead in Washington after a speech before the alumni of the University of Missouri on March First. Powell attended the Awards Dinner in Washington and seemed to be improving under special treatment in Walter Reid Hospital. Jimmy and Marjorie Young were with him at the luncheon in Washington.

Members will remember that when J. B. returned from imprisonment in Japan, the Club raised more than ten thousand dollars for a J. B. Powell Fund.

Emile Schurmacher reports that he could write a book --- and what a book. He had to get his wife to the hospital at Mount Kisco from Pawling on the night of the blizzard on February 20th. Emile says he could have made better time with a dog team as the Westchester roads were unplowed-- but we can give the happy ending. Sue, Sr. gave birth to a daughter, Sue, Jr., and they're both doing nicely.

William R. Downs, of CBS, married recently.... but he has not been back in New York long enough to receive congratulations.

Joe Barnes, Foreign Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, sailed on Friday, March 7th, on the Queen Elizabeth for a visit to some of the H. T. bureaus in Europe.

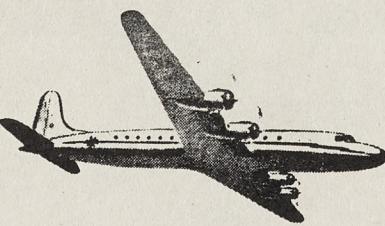
Albert W. Wilson, formerly abroad for the Chicago Tribune and the AP, and now editor of Paper Pulp Industry magazine in Seattle, Washington, was a charter member of the club--- he has now come back into the fold as an active member. Al says that the Bulletin makes it worthwhile for members far from New York to keep in good standing.

Iris Carpenter of the Washington membership entertained some of our members in the capitol city several weeks ago. Our Washington gang thinks it is a good idea to have some informal get togethers now and then.

In line with a policy of Arthur Gordon, editor of "Cosmopolitan", that magazine is in the market for off-trail fiction as well as fiction of the more conventional type.

According to Manuel Komroff, novelist and editor and vice president of the American Center of PEN, international association of writers, the cultural force of authors has been overlooked in the present organization of the public information section of the UN. As now set up, Manny says that the advisory committees of press, radio and films do not recognize the contribution to UN aims to be found in published books.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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